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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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9 United States of America, ) No. CR-10-00395 PJH  
10 Plaintiff, )  
11 vs. ) **STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~**  
12 LAURA CATON, ) **ORDER REMOVING SECURITY FROM**  
13 Defendant. ) **BOND AND RECONVEYING PROPERTY**  
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15 On May 14, 2010 Defendant LAURA CATON appeared before the court and was  
16 ordered released on conditions which included the posting of a house owned by her and her  
17 mother, Margery Kraft, as collateral for the \$250,000 bond. Since that time, Ms. Caton has  
18 complied with all conditions of release with no problems or issues, and she has maintained  
19 steady employment as well as taking vocational classes. On December 15, 2010, she entered her  
20 plea of guilty to the charges against her, conspiracy to commit mortgage fraud, pursuant to a  
21 written plea agreement. There is no date set for her sentencing at this time.

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23 Ms. Caton requests that the house be removed as collateral for the bond and that she be  
24 continued on pretrial release on an unsecured \$250,000 appearance bond signed by her and her  
25 mother, Margery Kraft, with all other conditions unchanged. Defense counsel has spoken to  
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1 Ms. Caton's supervising Pretrial Services Officer, Richelle Bracamonte, who stated that she has  
2 no objection to the modification.

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4 SO STIPULATED.

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6 Dated: February 2, 2012

/s/  
KESLIE STEWART  
Assistant United States Attorney

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9 Dated: February 2, 2012

/s/  
SUSAN RAFFANTI  
Attorney for Defendant  
LAURA CATON

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12 ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

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14 Based on the stipulation of the parties and good cause appearing, the secured \$250,000  
15 appearance bond issued for Laura Caton on May 14, 2010 is hereby converted to an unsecured  
16 \$250,000 appearance bond, with all other conditions of pretrial release set by the court to remain  
17 in effect. The clerk of the court is ordered to reconvey the Oakland property which was posted  
18 as security for the bond.

19 SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: February 7, 2012



21 LAUREL BEELER  
22 U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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